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Dr. William S. Stokes
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Re: Report of the International Workshop in In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I want to urge you to end the use of live animals in all chemical testing. Alternative tests have been developed and studied over the past couple decades; now it is time to replace the barbaric "old system" with one that is technologically advanced and humane.

The NEIHS should immediately adopt the use of newly developed non-animal tests. This includes, but is not limited to, in vitro cell culture tests. Current testing methods cause living beings to suffer immense pain and stress when the test results may not even apply to humans!

Our President limited the use of stem cells for research purposes because of ethical concerns. Animal tests are a far more serious breach of morality. Please end this ancient methodology and move to a progressive and decent form of research.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Marc I. Hoffman